## Request for City Council for the City of Ingleside, Texas

Subject:

Possible restrictions regarding the use of public facilities

**Submitted By:** 

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For The Agenda Of: May 27, 2014

**Attachments:** 

Excerpt of current City Ordinance

Ideas submitted by citizen

**Summary Statement:** Additional suggestions have been made by citizens to further open the use of public facilities up for more use by the public and suggested restrictions.

**Recommended Action:** Staff requests direction from Council whether to allow commerce, whether there should be a separate fee schedule, and whether there should be discounts for non-profits, disabled veterans, etc.

## Ingleside City Code

- Sec. 50 67. Rules and regulations for Public Parks, Playgrounds, Public Recreation and Community Building
- a) Public parks playgrounds public recreation and community buildings are provided as a community service to clubs groups and other non profit organizations or City functions (not involving the conduct of business).
- b) All special events require prior approval by the Parks Department including any type of equipment or play structure.
- c) Commercial functions are not permitted No dues fees donations or solicitations of any kind are permitted with the exception of fund raising activities by non profit organizations.
- d) Religious and partisan political promotions are prohibited on the premises.
- e) A group representative must submit an application to the Parks and Recreation office for permission to use the facilities (Public parks public playgrounds and community buildings). A youth group must be sponsored by an adult.
- f) Group conduct is the responsibility of the presiding officers or the individual making arrangements for use Parks and Recreation may refuse application if the groups intended use will disrupt public parks and playgrounds A representative must notify Parks and Recreation of cancellations as soon as possible.
- g) If a group distributes publicity concerning the program to be held in the facilities sponsorship must be clear, and a telephone number of the sponsoring group must be included in the publicity. A copy of all publicity must be given to and approved by the Parks and Recreation Department 7 days prior to its distribution.
- h) Permission to utilize facilities does not constitute an endorsement of the organization or its activities by the Parks and Recreation Department or the City of Ingleside Texas.

## Ideas for public building ordinance

- No individual may rent a facility for more than 4 consecutive week days
- No individual may rent a facility for more than 4 same week days in a row (i.e. 4 consecutive Tuesdays)
- No individual may rent a facility for more than 2 consecutive week end days
- No individual may rent a facility for more than 2 same week end days in a row (i.e. 2 consecutive Saturday s)
- No combination of week and weekend days may exceed 5 consecutive days
- If a rental exceeds 3 days you must wait an equal number of days before booking again
- No One may exceed 10 total days rental in any given month or 20 days for any quarter
- For this ordinance individual means singe person or a group of people representing an individual organization
- Reservations Calendar
  - o First Business day of October opens booking for January 1- March 31 following year
  - o First Business day of January opens booking for April 1 June 30
  - o First Business day of April opens booking for July 1- September 30
  - o First Business day of July opens booking for October 1 December 31
- Reservations are first come and are not final until a payment is received at the Park department